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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Rs. 40 lakhs.

" (b) A statement [a] showing the names of the promoters of the company is placed on the table of the House. Messrs. Seshasayee & Brothers (Travancore), Limited, are the managing agents of the company.

" (c) The investment was made up of Rs. 20 lakhs in 1945 and the remaining Rs. 20 lakhs in the year 1948.

" (d) The company have declared for the first time so far, a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent on the shares for the year ended 31st December 1950."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have made any agreement with this company for supply of fertilizers to this State, and if so, what is the percentage of the total production that is to be supplied? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The company have agreed to supply, in addition to 40 per cent of their output of ammonium sulphate, 25 per cent of their output of superphosphates which have been newly manufactured by them."

Reorganization of the municipal administration in the State.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the report of the Committee constituted in G.O. Ms. No. 2313, L.A., dated 11th November 1949, in respect of the reorganization of the municipal administration in this State?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The various recommendations of the Committee have been examined in detail in consultation with the heads of departments and Secretariat departments concerned. Government will shortly take a decision on them."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, the earliest date when the Government will take measures to implement the Committee's recommendations? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is in the consideration stage. Decisions will be taken soon."

SRI P. VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what are the recommendations of that Committee? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that copies of the Committee's report are not available in the Government Press, and will the Government take steps to see that the report is published? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The suggestion will be considered."

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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Government make copies of the report available to the Members of the House immediately? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is not possible to do so immediately. The suggestion made by the hon. Member will be considered."

Taking over of the Punganur Estate by the Government.

* 6 Q.—SRI B. KRISHNAMURTHI RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reason for not taking over the Punganur Estate in Chittoor district by the Government; and

(b) whether any representations were made to the Government by the ryots of the Punganur Estate, Chittoor district, requesting the Government to take over the estate, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Punganur zamindari estate in the Chittoor district was notified under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, to be taken over by the Government on 7th September 1950. The estate has however not yet been taken over as the High Court has restrained the Government from taking possession of the estate, forests, accounts, registers or documents or from interfering with the collection of arrears of rent due to the landholder from the tenants.

" (b) No such representations have been received by the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know from the Hon. Minister whether the matter is pending before a court? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No supplementary questions shall be allowed as the matter is *sub judice*. I pass on to the next question."

Number of prisoners of various categories.

* 7 Q.—SRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) how many prisoners there are in various jails in Madras State on account of prohibition offences at present; and

(b) how many detenus there are and how many politicals there are still in prisons in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) Number of prisoners on account of Prohibition offences—5,094.

" (b) Detenus—2.

Politicals—Nil."